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1. CONGRESSMAN ROBERT DRINAN HAS INQUIRED ABOUT THE STATUS OF ANDRES CULTELLI, AN URUGUAYAN JOURNALIST IMPRISONED IN ARGENTINA. ACCORDING TO REPRESENTATIVE DRINAN'S LETTER, MR. CULTELLI WAS TO HAVE BEEN RELEASED FROM PRISON DURING THE SUMMER OF 1978 BUT WAS NOT. MOREOVER, REPRESENTATIVE DRINAN UNDERSTANDS THAT QUOTE A NEW COURT DECISION IS PENDING WHICH WOULD PROBABLY PROLONG HIS SENTENCE END QUOTE.

2. DEPARTMENT'S INTERIM REPLY SAYS WE ARE REQUESTING EMBASSY TO MAKE SUITABLE INQUIRIES AND TO RESPOND DIRECTLY TO REPRESENTATIVE DRINAN (VIA H PASS CABLE). COPIES OF EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE POUCHED EMBASSY, ATTN HARRIS. VANCE

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